

Claims:

1. A method of providing an automated information service from an Application Programming Interface (API) application to a mobile user terminal, the method comprising:

5 the mobile user terminal roaming away from its home network into another network in a system for mobile telecommunications, the home network and the network into which the mobile user terminal has roamed, each comprising a respective automated information service providing-means; and

 the automated information service providing-means in the network into which
10 the mobile user terminal has roamed, acting as a proxy for the automated information service providing-means in the home network in providing the automated information service.

2. A method of providing an automated information service according to claim 1, in which the automated information service providing-means in the network into which
15 the mobile user terminal has roamed communicates with the automated information service providing-means of the home network to obtain authorisation for the provision of the service.

3. A method of providing an automated information service according to claim 1, in which the automated information service providing-means in each network comprises
20 identification means for identification of the validity of automated information service requests and a server for providing the automated information.

4. A method of providing an automated information service according to claim 3, in which the identification means of said another network communicates with the identification means of said home network to determine whether a service can be
25 provided, and the server of said another network communicates with the server of the home network to determine to what extent a requested service can be provided.

5. A method of providing an automated information service according to claim 3, in which the Application Programming Interface (API) application is an Open Service Access (OSA) application, the identification means of each network is a respective
30 OSA framework, and the servers are OSA Service Capability Servers each providing Service Capability Features.

6. A telecommunications system for mobile telecommunications comprising a home network of a mobile user terminal and another network into which the user terminal has roamed,
- 5 each network comprising an automated information service providing-means, an automated information service providing-means in the network into which the mobile user terminal has roamed acting as a proxy for an automated information service providing-means in the home network so as to be operative to provide an automated information service to the mobile user terminal, the automated information service being provided from an Application Programming Interface (API) application.
- 10 7. A telecommunications system according to claim 6, in which the automated information service providing-means in the network into which the mobile user terminal has roamed is operative to communicate with the automated information service providing-means of the home network to obtain authorisation for the provision of the service.
- 15 8. A telecommunications system according to claim 6, in which the service-providing means in each network comprises identification means for identification of the validity of automated information service requests and a server for providing the automated information.
- 20 9. A telecommunications system according to claim 8, in which the identification means of said another network being operative to communicate with the identification means of said home network to determine whether a service can be provided, and the server of said another network being operative to communicate with the server of the home network to determine to what extent a requested service can be provided.
- 25 10. A telecommunications system according to claim 8, in which the Application Programming Interface (API) application is an Open Service Access (OSA) application, the identifications means of each network is a respective OSA framework, and the servers are OSA Service Capability Servers each providing Service Capability Features.